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In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 *et. seq.*, the enclosed materials are brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form 1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP 609, Applicants request that a copy of the 1449 form, initialed as being considered by the Examiner, be returned to the Applicants with the next official communication.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), it is believed that no fee or statement is required with the Information Disclosure Statement. However, if an Office Action on the merits has been mailed, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fees to Account No. 19-0743 in order to have this Information Disclosure Statement considered.

The Examiner is requested to note that reference Marshall, Robert, Standard Methods For the Examination of Dairy Products, 16th Edition, 1992 is a standard textbook in this art. Therefore, Applicants are providing a copy of the table of contents from this reference for the Examiner's review. If the Examiner does not otherwise have access to this reference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to notify Applicants' attorneys and indicate which chapters the Examiner would like access to, and Applicants' attorneys will promptly provide them for the Examiner.

The Examiner is also respectfully requested to note that Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of an article by Rupert Binning (Flussiges Obst., pp. 134-139 (1980)). The Binning article is in German, and Applicants are submitting that, as required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), the English-language abstract attached to the front of the Binning article is a concise explanation of the relevance of this article as it is presently understood. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge consideration of the Binning article. For the Examiner's convenience, the Binning article is listed on the enclosed Form 1449, and copies of the Binning article and the English-language abstract are enclosed herewith.

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The Examiner is further respectfully requested to note that Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of JP-2001259002, which is in Japanese. Applicants are submitting that, as required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), the English-language abstract attached to the front of JP-2001259002 is a concise explanation of the relevance of JP-2001259002 as it is presently understood. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge consideration of JP-2001259002. For the Examiner's convenience, JP-2001259002 is listed on the enclosed Form 1449, and copies of JP-2001259002 and the English-language abstract are enclosed herewith.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' Representative at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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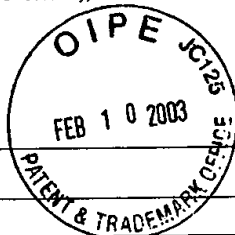
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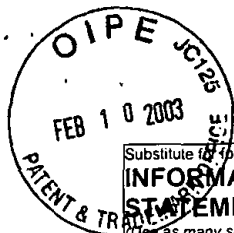
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